

Republican City Council.

The Republican voters of the city of Stillwater are requested to meet at the Court House on Wednesday evening, July 4th, 1873, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of electing delegates to the Republican County Convention to be held at the Court House in Stillwater on Thursday, July 10th, 1873, at two o'clock p. m.

FAYETTE MARSH,
J. A. POISSON,
City Committee.

Republican Co. Convention.

The Republican County Convention for the County of Washington will be held at the Court House in the city of Stillwater, on Thursday, the 10th day of July, 1873, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Convention to be held in St. Paul, July 16, 1873. The appointment of delegates which has been made upon the basis of the Republican vote for General Grant in 1872, one delegate for each 400 votes and an equal fraction thereof, under which the towns will be allowed the following delegates:

Alden,	2
Baytown,	1
Colman Grove,	1
Danahy,	1
Deerfield,	1
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Stillwater City,	13

By order of Republican County Committee.

ORANGE WALKER,
Chairman pro tem.

The Supreme Court of Ohio has decided that the Board of Education of Cincinnati may prohibit the reading of the Bible and interfere with all religious teaching in the public schools of that city.

JOSEPH R. GRANT, the father of the President, died July 20th, from old age and infirmity, being nearly 80 years of age. He was a kind-hearted man, quiet and unostentatious in his habits and manners. He discharged his duties in life with fidelity and honor.

HARVARD COLLEGE, on the authority of the Nation, has received more than four hundred applications for admission to the next Freshman class, which is a fact entirely without precedent in the educational history of the country. A dozen years ago all the undergraduates of the four classes at Harvard hardly exceeded the number mentioned.

THE FALWORTH MURDER CASE. The testimony in this case already proves that whatever opinion we may have of the son, the father was a desperate, if not a lunatic. Perhaps he ought not to have been shot, but sent to prison or to the insane hospital. His letters to his wife are simply horrible, full of profanity and obscenity. The plea of insanity put in by the defendant's counsel was unnecessary, so far as public opinion goes. The public mind has decided that justice was done even if the law was violated. We shall not be surprised if the jury come to the same conclusion.

LATER.—The jury in this case have given in a verdict of murder in the second degree. Falworth receives his sentence to-morrow.

FEMALE EDUCATION. One by one the various objections which have hitherto stood in the way of woman in her advance toward a higher education and more thorough culture are being overthrown. The partial admission of women to the privileges and advantages of Harvard, and the promotion to offices in the civil service of the country of ladies who have passed successfully in a competitive examination, proves that opposition to women in regard to equal privileges and equal employments is on the decline. And now comes the Northwestern University of Chicago, which has admitted to its governing body five women, and has thereby removed all discrimination in the regard to sex, in the contest of its courses.

We see no objection to this, and we sincerely hope that the time is not far distant when women shall be admitted to all the privileges of our institutions of learning.

A wicked man in Davenport, being on his deathbed, wished to consult some proper person regarding his future state, and his friend sent a fire insurance agent to him.

"I'm not in mourning," said a young girl, "but as the widows are getting all the offers nowadays, we poor girls have to resort to artifice."

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THE FOURTH OF JULY.

Once again has this day come to us, with all its varied accompaniments of fire crackers, fireworks, and the usual accompaniments of the day. The day is to be a day of rejoicing, and the people are to be reminded of the sacrifices made for the sake of the Republic.

WHAT THEY KNOW OF EACH OTHER.

The following article relative to the political and social condition of the State, and the position of the people, is a very interesting and valuable contribution to the knowledge of the people.

WASHINGTON AND THE RAILROADS.

Two or three well-meaning papers in distant parts of the State have begun the canvass by intimating that Mr. Washburn is in the railroad interest.

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CROCKERY,
full Stock: "and the best makes of all kinds of
OILS,
stock is exhibited and prices given gratis. We shall not
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OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.
FRIDAY, JULY 11, 1873.

THE WIFE OF BENEDICT ARNOLD.

BY JAMES PARTON.

We catch the first view of this unhappy lady on a bright May day in 1778, when she took part in a famous and splendid pageant at Philadelphia. She was then a beautiful girl of eighteen—Miss Margaret Shippen—the daughter of an opulent and ancient Philadelphia family, and one of the reigning belles of that town. Her father was among the first settlers there in Pennsylvania, and her great-grandfather was the first Mayor of Philadelphia. In the course of time the family had acquired great possessions, and lay-aside the Quaker garb, had become members of the Church of England. During the controversy between the thirteen colonies and the King, which ended in the Revolutionary war, Edward Shippen, her father, the head of the family, was inclined to the King's side.

It was May the 18th, 1778. For many months the British army had been quartered in Philadelphia, and had been driven out of the city by the Continental Congress. The General had now been supposed, and was on his way to England. The officers of the army—a wealthy class, who had nothing to do with the occasion of his retirement to amuse themselves by giving a grand festival in his honor; and this was the day on which it was held.

The affair began with a grand regatta upon the Delaware river, or rather a long procession of galleys and barges, filled with officers and ladies, which were rowed slowly down the whole length of the city, in an avenue formed by the shore crowded with spectators, and all a line of men of war and transport ships, gayly dressed with flags and streamers. At halfpast four in the afternoon, the barges began to move, the oars keeping time to the martial music, and when they had arrived opposite Market street, they all laid out their oars while the band played "God Save the King," after which the soldiers gave three cheers. Continuing their course the company were conveyed past the city to where a grand tournament was to take place; and it was in this portion of the entertainment that Margaret Shippen shone.

A spacious field, surrounded by troops, had been prepared for the contest. Upon one side was stationed all the bands of music in the army. There were two pavilions, with rows of benches, one above the other, filled with the most distinguished ladies of the city.

On the front seat of each of these pavilions, were placed one of the most beautiful young ladies Pennsylvania could boast. They were dressed in Turkish costumes—trowsers, tunics and turbans—and in their turbans they wore the favors which they intended to reward the knights who were to contend in their honor. These lovely maidens sat like Margaret Shippen. One of the knights who figured in the tournament was Captain Andre, her familiar acquaintance. Little could either of them have thought, on this bright day, how fatally their destinies were involved.

The trumpet sounded. The herald appeared. The challenge was delivered, and the contest commenced, which ended without loss of blood, to the satisfaction of all concerned. At the conclusion of the tournament the company were ushered into a magnificent ball room, decorated, we are told, by eighty-five mirrors, and lighted by thirty-four branches of wax candles. The ball was opened by fourteen ladies in Turkish dress, and their fourteen knights—some of whom were the most distinguished of the city.

At twelve, large fishing boats, which had sailed from the harbor, were suddenly thrown open, which revealed a gorgeous, solemn, two hundred and ten feet long, forty feet wide, and twenty-two feet high, with three alcoves on each side. This was the supper room. Upon the tables were twelve hundred dishes. As the guests entered the room, a great number of black slaves in Oriental costume, ranged in two lines, bowed to the ground. The vast apartment was one splendor of wax lights, flowers, ribbons, flags, mirrors and silver plate. One of the regular toasts of the occasion was "Miss Shippen and her knight." After supper, the company returned to the dance until four in the morning, reaching their homes about sunrise.

The festival, as Major Andre remarks, was the most gorgeous ever given by an army to its chief. And little, indeed, had that chief done to deserve it. An old officer of the British army, who perceived the folly of paying such extravagant honors to a general who had won no victories, said sadly: "What will Washington think of all this?" Exactly a month from that day the British army evacuated Philadelphia, and away they sped across Jersey, with General Washington at their heels. A day or two after a body of American troops marched in, commanded by General Benedict Arnold. All was changed. The red coats had disappeared—blue coats were in the ascendant; and the new Yankee general was the foremost man in the city. Arnold, a vain, weak man, ever fond of display and luxury, appropriated one of the handsomest houses in the town, where he set up a costly establishment, kept a great many servants, gave splendid dinners, and maintained a handsome equipage drawn by four horses—a scale of expense utterly incompatible either with his fortune or his pay. None, however, knew at the time that, to maintain this costly pomp, he was concerned in speculations unworthy of an officer and gentleman, and sometimes used the public money that passed through his hands.

In inviting his guests, as the patriotic portion of the people remarked with surprise, he was as likely to select Tories as Whigs. He seemed to court the adherents of the King, and he frequently had at his table the wives and daughters of public enemies, who had been publicly proscribed, and had found refuge with the enemy in New York. Among the families who attracted his regard was that of Edward Shippen, and he was soon observed to pay particular court to his daughter, Margaret Arnold was then a widow, thirty-eight years of age. Her long hair formally asked for her hand from her father, and her father, consulting, he addressed the daughter, and they were engaged.

In the meantime Arnold had become so odious by his extravagance, and his insolent, overbearing conduct to the people, that Congress was obliged to take cognizance of the fact. On the eve of his marriage he was ordered to be tried by a court martial. Miss Shippen, however, was true to her engagement, and married him five days after. The court martial, as every one knows, sentenced him to be reprimanded by General Washington, and he was reprimanded accordingly.

"Our profession," said General Washington to him, "is the chastest of all; even the shadow of a fault renders the master of our finest achievements. The least in-venture may rob us of the favor, so hard to be acquired. I reprimand you for having forgotten that, in proportion as you had rendered yourself formidable to your enemies, you should have been guarded and temperate in your deportment toward your fellow citizens. Exhibit anew those noble qualities which have placed you on the list of our most valuable commanders. I will, myself, furnish you, as far as it may be in my power, with opportunities of regaining the esteem of your country."

This was more like a eulogium than a reprimand; and it did not touch the heart of Arnold, who went from the presence of his commander, not to regain the esteem of his country, but to betray that country. A year passed away. He was in command at West Point, in correspondence with the enemy. Whether he shared his husband's secret during those months of preparation for the attack, never known with certainty. Just before the exposure of the treason at West Point, Arnold sent for his wife and child to join him, and I have seen the letter which he wrote to her on this occasion, telling her of the best way of reaching him, and what houses she could stop at, and on the road.

Arnold and his wife were seated at the breakfast table with Hamilton, Lafayette and an aid. In the midst of the meal a horseman alighted at the door; and, a moment later, a letter was placed in Arnold's hands, which informed him of his ruin. He controlled his countenance, rose quietly from his seat, and beckoned his wife to follow him. They went up stairs to their room, where they lay their sleeping child; and there he told her that he was a ruined man and must fly that instant for his life. She felt senseless to the floor. Leaving her there, he rushed from the room, hurried down stairs, and some one to her assistance, and then returned to the breakfast room. He told his guests that General Washington was coming, and he met much haste to prepare for his reception. He mounted the horse of the messenger who had brought the letter, and galloped away.

Colonel Hamilton has left us an interesting account of Mrs. Arnold's demeanor after her husband's departure. He says she remained frantic all day, and accused every one who approached her of an intention to murder her child. She continued, he says, to rave until the next day, when she was calmed by the sight of her husband's portrait. She was then calmed by the sight of her husband's portrait. She was then calmed by the sight of her husband's portrait.

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On a certain voyage out, in exquisite summer weather, we had for our passengers one beautiful young lady, and ten more or less beautiful young gentlemen. Light winds or dead calm prevailing, the voyage was slow. They had made half their distance when the ten young gentlemen were all made in a row with the beautiful young lady. They had all proposed to her, and bloodshed among the rivals seemed imminent, pending the lady's decision. In this extremity the beautiful young lady confided in my friend the captain who gave his discreet advice. He said: "If your affections are disengaged, take that one of the young men whom you like best, and settle the question." "I can't do that, because I like them all equally well," my friend who was a man of resources, but upon his ingenious expedient, said he: "To-morrow morning when lunch is announced, you plunge boldly overboard, head foremost. I will be alongside in a boat to rescue you, and take the one out of ten who rushes to your rescue, and then you can afterward have him." The beautiful young lady highly approved, and accordingly. But after she plunged in, nine out of ten more or less beautiful young men plunged in after her, and the tenth remained and stared, looking over the side of the vessel. They were all picked up and restored dripping to the deck. The beautiful young lady, on seeing them, said: "What am I to do? See what a plight they are in. How can I possibly choose, because every one of them are equally wet?" "Then," said my friend the captain, acting under a sudden inspiration, take the dry one. I am sorry to say she did so, and they lived happy ever afterward.—Charles Dickens.

MR. SMALLEY writes to The Tribune alluding to a famous book sold in London during the first week of June. The books belonged to Mr. Perkins, a brewer, of London, who has long been collecting a small library of rare and valuable old books. Among these were two Mazarin Bibles, one printed on vellum and the other on paper, and bearing the name of Cardinal Mazarin, because the first copy known to bibliographers of the edition to which it belonged was found in his library. "This Bible," says Mr. Smalley, "the double distinction of being probably the first copy of the Latin Bible and the first book printed with metal type by Gutenberg and Faust." The vellum copy was started at one thousand guineas, and was bid off within six minutes by Mr. Ellis, a London bookseller, for \$21,000. The paper copy was purchased by Mr. Quaritch for \$13,450. An English manuscript, Lydgate's "Signe of the Cross," brought \$6,000, and the whole collection of 865 lots \$136,000, the largest amount ever realized for the same number of volumes.

The Chinese, in their protest to the supervision of San Francisco in London during the first week of June, the Chinese in the county jail, say: "Laws, designed not to punish guilt and crime, nor yet to protect the lives and property of the innocent, have been created and executed discriminating against the Chinese; and now to the Hon. Board of Supervisors of this city, we are further to afflict you, by what seems to us most unjust, most oppressive, and most barbarous enactments. If these enactments are the legitimate offspring of the American civilization and of the Jesus religion, you can hardly wonder if the Chinese people are somewhat slow to embrace the one and adopt the other."

Mr. John A. Jackson, of Lake City, claims that he has the biggest blooded calf in the world. The animal was purchased from a Laramie man by the name of W. S. Kin, of Minneapolis, and shipped to Lake City, over the M. & St. P. R. R. This company presented a freight bill for the transportation of 2,000 lbs. of calf feed, and as railroad companies never make a mistake or overcharge, Mr. Jackson thinks his claim will not be disputed.

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THE DRY ONE.

On a certain voyage out, in exquisite summer weather, we had for our passengers one beautiful young lady, and ten more or less beautiful young gentlemen. Light winds or dead calm prevailing, the voyage was slow. They had made half their distance when the ten young gentlemen were all made in a row with the beautiful young lady. They had all proposed to her, and bloodshed among the rivals seemed imminent, pending the lady's decision. In this extremity the beautiful young lady confided in my friend the captain who gave his discreet advice. He said: "If your affections are disengaged, take that one of the young men whom you like best, and settle the question." "I can't do that, because I like them all equally well," my friend who was a man of resources, but upon his ingenious expedient, said he: "To-morrow morning when lunch is announced, you plunge boldly overboard, head foremost. I will be alongside in a boat to rescue you, and take the one out of ten who rushes to your rescue, and then you can afterward have him." The beautiful young lady highly approved, and accordingly. But after she plunged in, nine out of ten more or less beautiful young men plunged in after her, and the tenth remained and stared, looking over the side of the vessel. They were all picked up and restored dripping to the deck. The beautiful young lady, on seeing them, said: "What am I to do? See what a plight they are in. How can I possibly choose, because every one of them are equally wet?" "Then," said my friend the captain, acting under a sudden inspiration, take the dry one. I am sorry to say she did so, and they lived happy ever afterward.—Charles Dickens.

MR. SMALLEY writes to The Tribune alluding to a famous book sold in London during the first week of June. The books belonged to Mr. Perkins, a brewer, of London, who has long been collecting a small library of rare and valuable old books. Among these were two Mazarin Bibles, one printed on vellum and the other on paper, and bearing the name of Cardinal Mazarin, because the first copy known to bibliographers of the edition to which it belonged was found in his library. "This Bible," says Mr. Smalley, "the double distinction of being probably the first copy of the Latin Bible and the first book printed with metal type by Gutenberg and Faust." The vellum copy was started at one thousand guineas, and was bid off within six minutes by Mr. Ellis, a London bookseller, for \$21,000. The paper copy was purchased by Mr. Quaritch for \$13,450. An English manuscript, Lydgate's "Signe of the Cross," brought \$6,000, and the whole collection of 865 lots \$136,000, the largest amount ever realized for the same number of volumes.

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Did I think of her? Yes, al-

ways, under the blue skies they
were as her eyes to me; and at
night, walking and dreaming, she
was my all.

You have never been with a
fierce army, elated with victory, I
know, and so can not even dream
up the weary, wayward days and
nights there are sometimes.

Of advances, retreats, and
bivouacs in the mountains or on
the plains; of white tents, senti-
nel calls, and camp fires, songs
and rhymes have enough been
sung and said; but never yet
have the feelings of the hearts of
all those who have strung into any
poetic rhyme of gentle fancy; and
if they were, what could they tell?
All my thoughts tended to one end.
I must see her again.

But my duty kept me; and
though sometimes in all those
weary weeks I caught in the dis-
tance gleams of Placenza Castle
crags, never could I be near to her
in this home in the mountains.

Well, after Magenta there were
rumors of peace, and in time it
came, and the weary, gallant
troops were ordered home.

How heavy that journey to
me; and when in Lorraine
now, I asked for leave to return
and it was given, with what glad
steps did I turn to glorious Italy.

Days seemed almost months or
years until, in the bright midnight,
I stood in the village below, the
castle.

On the past evening the Austrians
had evacuated the place, blown
up their stores and arsenal, and
killed slowly away, carrying with
them many curses loud and deep
smouldering when I arrived, and
the gray smoke rose heavily from
the crest of the mountain.

I asked if any harm had been
done to the monastery, but no one
knew. Where were the monks and
the nuns? No one could tell. I
rushed up the great
cathedral where the great
tower, covered with smoke. Here
were the monastery and church,
partly ruins.

I ran in, I called, "Inez, Inez!"
It is I—I—answer me, Inez!
On, on I ran to the devo-
tional cell used to stand, and
climb over an old abutment
when there came a roar, a
shock, and all seemed falling
around me. There arose dark
clouds of dust and smoke, and
I fell to the ground. Quickly I
sprang to my feet, and saw that
a portion of the wall, which had
been on fire, had fallen carrying
with it part of the ruins. Nothing
deterred I hurried on, until stopped
by a projection of wall, torn,
jagged and ruined. Here I halted,
almost in despair. I could go no
further. Turning, I saw the win-
dow of a cell, and a crucifix,
where the bright rays of the sun
streamed through, and there, on a
pallet, lay Inez, deathly pale.

In the niche of the wall was a
crucifix; by her side were a cowl
and gown, with a cross and beads.
Over her fair, pale forehead fell
her brown hair, like clouds on the
snow in mountains. Near the pal-
let on the floor were the fragments
of an exploded bombshell.

My God! Inez was dead! Holy
Mary! stay—I thought her lips
seemed to move. With one mind
I burst open the casement,
and stood in her sacred cell, where
probably, man never stood before.
I went, I stooped and lifted her.
Kneeling, I kissed her pale lips—

And was she dead?
Inez, dear, this lady here wishes
to see you. Here, lady, is Inez,
my little nun wife, dearer to me
than all the world besides, who,
though found by me in a monas-
tery in a Sister's dress, was only
placed there with the lady father
for protection while her father
fought for Italy. They are both
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